

Gen. Oliver O. Howard House
(Howard University, Howard Hall)
607 Howard Place, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-284

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) General Oliver O. Howard House		HABS NO. DC-284
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Howard University, Howard Hall		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 607 Howard Place, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1867-1869	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built by Gen. Howard, commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau and founder of Howard University. Purchased by the university in 1909 for use as offices and classrooms.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Painted, hollow pre-cast bricks, made on site		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 4-bay front; 2½ stories on slightly raised stone basement; concave mansard roof; 1½-story rear wing; west bay is a slightly projecting 3½-story mansarded tower		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Segmental dormers; iron cresting on tower; granite lintels with splayed voussoir-and-keystone motif		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original stairway and some mantels		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Much of exterior ornament removed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared fair.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> National Historic Landmark Category II District of Columbia Landmark		
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